

As this year's Memorial Day approaches, I want to commend the American Legion for their hard work on behalf of our nation's military.

The poppies that are distributed by the American Legion do more than just raise awareness. Through their tireless and coordinated efforts, the men and women of the American Legion are able to raise valuable charitable donations that can be used to increase awareness about the needs of our veterans and military families and even directly assist those families and their loved ones who may be disabled or hospitalized.

I wish to thank Ms. Ethel Atkins. Poppy Chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary of South Carolina, for her hard work as well as Ms. Dorothy Tunstall, President of the American Legion Auxiliary of South Carolina. I appreciate the success of Past President Willie Wingard of Lexington. Their efforts and the work of all members of the American Legion honor the sacrifice of our brave American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation, Army (R-1 Line 55).

Project: Compact Pulsed Power for Defense Applications, \$4 million.

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409.

Percent and source of required matching funds: The Center for Pulsed Power and Power Electronics (P3E) at TTU has an operating budget approximately of \$3 million supported almost exclusively by competitive grants from DOD and DOE laboratories and relevant U.S. contractors.

As a state-sponsored university, Texas Tech will provide the required matching funds for the research to be conducted by this project.

Justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars: This initiative will continue the work of the P3E Center to develop compact electromagnetic radiation technology that will disrupt remote detonation electronics used in improvised roadside bombs and inner-city car bombs. The Department of Defense's Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) is aware of the P3E Center's technology and has invited the Center to submit an unsolicited proposal for funding from JIEDDO, which is currently pending. The P3E Center also receives support from the Office of Naval Research.

In the past 10 years, the P3E Center has focused its research in the areas of high power microwave systems, explosively driven pulsed power, compact pulsed power and ultra high-power electronics. Much of this research has been sponsored by DOD and its agencies. These technologies have matured in the last few years to a point where system integration now is possible. A great push needs to be made in this area to allow these electric weapons to reach the military now, where they are clearly needed today. Funding from this initia-

tive will accelerate the P3E Center's research to allow the compact pulsed power technology to be fielded by the military in a shorter period of time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday May 22, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Name of Project: Physical Fitness Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dover Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dover, DE.

Project Description: The existing fitness center at Dover AFB is not large enough to accommodate the needs of all personnel in sports, wellness, and fitness programs. A new facility is necessary to meet the Air Force's new requirements and emphasis on physical fitness, health, and wellness. The existing facility is insufficient to accommodate year-round use necessary for mission readiness. The new facility will provide for an additional gymnasium and fitness rooms, as well as incorporating a Health and Wellness Center. The project has been included in the President's FY09 Budget Request.

Name of Project: Information Operations Communication Facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dover Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: Dover, DE.

Project Description: The current Delaware National Guard Information Operations Unit operates from a cramped, overloaded, inadequate facility. Because of the specialized nature of this new mission, there are no facilities on the New Castle Air National Guard base that can accommodate the unit. Without a new facility, the unit will not be capable of properly training or supporting active combat missions with respect to intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. This project has been included in the President's FY09 Budget Request.

COMMEMORATING GERALD R. FORD

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor President Gerald R. Ford and I want to thank my 37 colleagues who have agreed to join me in naming a post office located in Rancho Mirage, CA, in my district, as the Gerald R. Ford Post Office.

Many of my colleagues may know that President Ford and his family resided in Rancho Mirage for many years before his passing.

President Ford and former First Lady Betty Ford were active members of our local com-

munity, generously contributing to the betterment of our residents with their involvement in charities and support for the successful Betty Ford Center for drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Naming this post office near the Ford residence will not only celebrate President Ford's involvement in our community but will pay tribute to his incredible life and career surrounding his leadership as our 38th President.

Among President Ford's many lifetime achievements was serving our country during WWII, rising to the ranks of naval lieutenant commander and serving in Congress for 25 years, 8 of which he was the minority leader. As President, he led our citizens during a time of war, economic uncertainty, and low morale. With his steady direction, he worked to unify our Nation during a tumultuous time in our Nation's history.

He was one of our most respected leaders, and worked on many fronts to unify our citizens and strengthen our trust in America's future. Even many years after his Presidency, President Ford continued serving as a source of wise counsel to leaders throughout our Nation and the world.

As a cherished resident in my district, where many locals called him a friend, President Ford is most deserving of the honor that this Gerald R. Ford Post Office will bring him and his family.

I ask that my colleagues, who wish to commemorate the legacy of President Ford, join me in naming this post office near the Ford residence after this incredible American.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense Supplemental Information.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009.

Specifics: Hall, Ralph—\$2,000,000, UH-60 Weapons Armament Mission B-Kit.

Account: U.S. Army, Aircraft Procurement, Army/2/Modification of Aircraft UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS (AA0480) Procurement P-1, Line 020, Number: AA0480.

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Contract Fabrication and Design LLC (CFD), 5427 FM 546, Princeton, Texas 75407-4763, 972-736-2260—Office, 972-736-6063—Fax.

Description of how the money will be spent: The UH-60, Weapons Armament Mission B-Kit, has been developed, qualified and tested to meet the U.S. Army, UH-60 BLACK HAWK, M-240 High Capacity Feed System (HCFS) Operational Requirements Document (ORD). The unfunded ORD requires ammunition on board the UH-60 for 2 minutes of continuous fire or 1000 rounds versus the 200 max rounds available to the Warfighter today. This B-Kit exceeds the ammunition requirement and all components are mounted external to the cabin freeing up approximately 30 cubic feet of space.

It provides the Warfighter a 10 times increase in 7.62mm magazine capacity (2000 rounds/side) for the M-240 and provides